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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**DECISION No 1741/1999/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 29 July 1999
amending Decision No 1254/96/EC laying down a series of guidelines for trans-European energy
networks**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 156 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽³⁾,

(1) Whereas the indicative list of projects of common interest established by Decision No 1254/96/EC ⁽⁴⁾ needs to be updated periodically in line with developments in interconnected energy networks both inside and outside the Community and taking account of the enlargement process and, more generally, the strengthening of energy links with third countries;

(2) Whereas the descriptions of some projects of common interest currently featuring on the list need to be modified;

(3) Whereas new projects must be added to the list,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The indicative list of projects of common interest set out in the Annex to Decision No 1254/96/EC shall be amended as follows:

1. points c 6, c 8, f 1, g 7 and h 11 shall be amended as indicated in Annex I to this Decision;
2. the points set out in Annex II to this Decision shall be added.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1999.

For the European Parliament

The President

N. FONTAINE

For the Council

The President

S. HASSI

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 320, 17.10.1998, p. 12 and OJ C 119, 30.4.1999, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 101, 12.4.1999, p. 25.

⁽³⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 11 March 1999 (OJ C 175, 21.6.1999, p. 260). Council Decision of 19 July 1999.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 161, 29.6.1996, p. 147. Decision as amended by Decision No 1047/97/EC (OJ L 152, 11.6.1997, p. 12).

ANNEX I

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDICATIVE LIST OF PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST

1. Point c 6 is replaced by the following:
'c 6 *Spain*: strengthening and development of internal connections.'
2. Point c 8 is replaced by the following:
'c 8 *Greece*: strengthening and development of internal connections.'
3. Point f 1 is replaced by the following:
'f 1 *Ireland — United Kingdom*: strengthening of the gas transport capacity between the two countries.'
4. Point g 7 is replaced by the following:
'g 7 *France*: developing underground gas storage facilities.'
5. Point h 11 is replaced by the following:
'h 11 *Russia — Ukraine — Moldavia — Romania — Bulgaria — Greece — Other Balkan countries*: improvements to the gas transportation networks to ensure supplies from Russian resources to the new gas network in Greece and the other Balkan countries.'

ANNEX II

PROJECTS TO BE ADDED TO THE INDICATIVE LIST OF PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST

1. 'a 2 *Ireland - United Kingdom (Wales)*: connection by submarine cable of the network of Ireland to the network of the United Kingdom (Wales).'
2. 'a 8 *United Kingdom (Scotland)*: connection by submarine cable of the Shetland Islands.'
3. 'a 9 *Greece*: connections between the islands, and between the islands and the mainland.'
4. 'b 16 *Denmark - Germany*: strengthening the aerial connections between the two countries.'
5. 'c 13 *United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)*: strengthening of internal connections in Northern Ireland, in relation to the interconnections with Ireland.'
6. 'f 13 *Italy - Greece - Other Balkan Countries*: construction of a gas pipeline to supply Greece and other Balkan countries through Southern Italy.'
7. 'f 14 *Austria - Czech Republic*: construction of gas pipelines to connect the networks of the two countries.'
8. 'f 15 *Austria*: interconnection of isolated gas transmission networks.'
9. 'f 17 *Austria - Slovenia - Croatia*: strengthening of the gas transport capacity between the three countries.'
10. 'g 6 *Germany*: developing underground gas storage facilities.'
11. 'g 14 *Italy*: construction of an offshore LNG terminal.'
12. 'g 15 *United Kingdom*: developing underground gas storage facilities.'
13. 'h 10 *Caspian Sea Countries - European Community*: construction of new gas pipelines to allow the European Community to be supplied from resources in the Caspian Sea Countries.'
14. 'h 15 *The Netherlands - Germany - Switzerland - Italy*: increasing gas transport capacity of the TENP pipeline running from the Netherlands through Germany to Italy.'
15. 'h 16 *Belgium - France - Switzerland - Italy*: increasing gas transport capacity from North-Western Europe through France to Italy.'
16. 'h 17 *Denmark - Poland*: construction of a gas pipeline through Denmark to Poland.'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1742/1999
of 5 August 1999
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multi-lateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

- (2) Whereas, in compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission
Monika WULF-MATHIES
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 5 August 1999 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0709 90 70	052	42,2
	999	42,2
	999	42,2
0805 30 10	388	61,4
	524	91,2
	528	65,2
	999	72,6
	999	72,6
0806 10 10	052	92,4
	388	132,7
	512	28,9
	600	75,3
	624	132,1
	999	92,3
	999	92,3
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	67,0
	400	53,9
	508	76,9
	512	54,4
	524	48,2
	528	36,2
	800	183,3
	804	86,6
	999	75,8
	999	75,8
	999	75,8
0808 20 50	052	87,8
	388	71,5
	512	70,0
	528	81,0
	999	77,6
0809 20 95	052	181,8
	400	223,0
	616	250,7
	999	218,5
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	052	66,7
	999	66,7
0809 40 05	064	52,6
	999	52,6

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2645/98 (OJ L 335, 10.12.1998, p. 22). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1743/1999
of 5 August 1999
on the issue of import licences for garlic originating in China

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 857/1999 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1040/1999 of 20 May 1999 concerning a protective measure applicable to imports of garlic from China ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

- (1) Whereas pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1859/93 ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1662/94 ⁽⁵⁾, the release for free circulation in the Community of garlic imported from third countries is subject to presentation of an import licence;
- (2) Whereas Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1040/1999, restricts the issue of import licences for garlic originating in China to a maximum monthly quantity in the case of applications lodged from 1 June 1999 to 31 May 2000;
- (3) Whereas, given the criteria laid down in Article 1(2) of that Regulation and the import licences already issued, the quantity applied for on 2 August 1999 is in excess

of the maximum monthly quantity given in the Annex to that Regulation for the month of August 1999; whereas it is therefore necessary to determine to what extent import licences may be issued in response to these applications; whereas the issue of licences in response to applications lodged after 2 August 1999 and before 1 September 1999 should be refused,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Import licences applied for from 2 August 1999 pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1859/93 for garlic falling within CN code 0703 20 00 originating in China shall be issued for 0,9049 % of the quantity applied for, having regard to the information available to the Commission on 5 August 1999.

For the abovementioned products applications for import licences lodged after 2 August 1999 and before 1 September 1999 shall be refused.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission

Monika WULF-MATHIES

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 127, 21.5.1999, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 13.7.1993, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 176, 9.7.1994, p. 1.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1744/1999
of 5 August 1999
on the issue of system B export licences in the fruit and vegetables sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2190/96 of 14 November 1996 on detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 as regards export refunds on fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1303/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/1999 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1504/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, fixes the indicative quantities for system B export licences other than those sought in the context of food aid;
- (2) Whereas, in the light of the information available to the Commission today, there is a risk that the indicative quantities laid down for the current export period for peaches and nectarines will shortly be exceeded; whereas

this overrun will prejudice the proper working of the export refund scheme in the fruit and vegetables sector;

- (3) Whereas, to avoid this situation, applications for system B licences for peaches and nectarines exported after 5 August 1999 should be rejected until the end of the current export period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Applications for system B export licences for peaches and nectarines submitted pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1304/1999, export declarations for which are accepted after 5 August and before 16 September 1999, are hereby rejected.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission

Monika WULF-MATHIES

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 155, 22.6.1999, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 155, 22.6.1999, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 175, 10.7.1999, p. 5.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1745/1999**of 5 August 1999****fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (2) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products in the Community may be covered by an export refund;
- (2) Whereas the refunds must be fixed taking into account the factors referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾;
- (3) Whereas, as far as wheat and rye flour, groats and meal are concerned, when the refund on these products is being calculated, account must be taken of the quantities of cereals required for their manufacture; whereas these quantities were fixed in Regulation (EC) No 1501/95;

- (4) Whereas the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination;
- (5) Whereas the refund must be fixed once a month; whereas it may be altered in the intervening period;
- (6) Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules set out above to the present situation on the market in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the refunds should be as set out in the Annex hereto;
- (7) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, excluding malt, exported in the natural state, shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission

Monika WULF-MATHIES

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

ANNEX

**to the Commission Regulation of 5 August 1999 fixing the export refunds on cereals and on wheat or rye flour,
groats and meal**

(EUR/t)			(EUR/t)		
Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund	Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Amount of refund
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	1101 00 11 9000	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	1101 00 15 9100	01	41,50
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	1101 00 15 9130	01	39,00
1001 90 99 9000	03	20,50	1101 00 15 9150	01	36,00
	02	0	1101 00 15 9170	01	33,25
1002 00 00 9000	01	—	1101 00 15 9180	01	31,00
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	1101 00 15 9190	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	03	30,00	1101 00 90 9000	—	—
	02	0	1102 10 00 9500	01	67,00
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	1102 10 00 9700	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	—	—	1102 10 00 9900	—	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	1103 11 10 9200	01	0 ⁽²⁾
1005 90 00 9000	01	—	1103 11 10 9400	01	0 ⁽²⁾
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	1103 11 10 9900	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—	1103 11 90 9200	01	0 ⁽²⁾
			1103 11 90 9800	—	—

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are identified as follows:

- 01 all third countries,
- 02 other third countries,
- 03 Switzerland, Liechtenstein.

⁽²⁾ No refund is granted when this product contains compressed meal.

NB: The zones are those defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2145/92 (OJ L 214, 30.7.1992, p. 20).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1746/1999
of 5 August 1999
fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (8) thereof,

- (1) Whereas Article 13 (8) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 provides that the export refund applicable to cereals on the day on which application for an export licence is made must be applied on request to exports to be effected during the period of validity of the export licence; whereas, in this case, a corrective amount may be applied to the refund;
- (2) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, allows for the fixing of a corrective amount for the products listed in Article 1(1) (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92; whereas that corrective amount must be calculated taking account of the factors referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95;

- (3) Whereas the world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the corrective amount according to destination;
- (4) Whereas the corrective amount must be fixed at the same time as the refund and according to the same procedure; whereas it may be altered in the period between fixings;
- (5) Whereas it follows from applying the provisions set out above that the corrective amount must be as set out in the Annex hereto;
- (6) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The corrective amount referred to in Article 1(1) (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 which is applicable to export refunds fixed in advance in respect of malt shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission

Monika WULF-MATHIES

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

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to the Commission Regulation of 5 August 1999 fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

(EUR/t)

Product code	Destination ⁽¹⁾	Current 8	1st period 9	2nd period 10	3rd period 11	4th period 12	5th period 1	6th period 2
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	01	0	-1,00	-2,00	-3,00	-4,00	—	—
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 90 99 9000	01	0	0	-6,00	-8,50	-10,00	—	—
1002 00 00 9000	01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	03	0	-25,00	-25,00	-25,00	-25,00	—	—
	02	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 90 00 9000	01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 11 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 15 9100	01	0	0	-8,00	-11,50	-13,50	—	—
1101 00 15 9130	01	0	0	-8,00	-11,50	-13,50	—	—
1101 00 15 9150	01	0	0	-8,00	-11,50	-13,50	—	—
1101 00 15 9170	01	0	0	-8,00	-11,50	-13,50	—	—
1101 00 15 9180	01	0	0	-8,00	-11,50	-13,50	—	—
1101 00 15 9190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1102 10 00 9500	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1102 10 00 9700	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1102 10 00 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 10 9200	01	0	-1,50	-3,00	-4,50	-6,00	—	—
1103 11 10 9400	01	0	-1,34	-2,68	-4,02	-5,36	—	—
1103 11 10 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 90 9200	01	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 90 9800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

⁽¹⁾ The destinations are identified as follows:

- 01 all third countries,
- 02 other third countries,
- 03 USA, Canada and Mexico.

NB: The zones are those defined in amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2145/92 (OJ L 214, 30.7.1992, p. 20).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1747/1999
of 5 August 1999
fixing the maximum export refund on barley in connection with the invitation to tender issued in
Regulation (EC) No 1701/1999

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

- (1) Whereas an invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of barley to all third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/1999 ⁽⁵⁾;
- (2) Whereas Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC)

No 1501/95; whereas in that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund, as well as to any tenderer whose bid relates to an export tax;

- (3) Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1;
- (4) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders notified from 30 July to 5 August 1999, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1701/1999, the maximum refund on exportation of barley shall be EUR 39,95/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission

Monika WULF-MATHIES

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 201, 31.7.1999, p. 27.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1748/1999**of 5 August 1999****fixing the maximum export refund on common wheat in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1707/1999**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

- (1) Whereas an invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of common wheat to all third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1707/1999 ⁽⁵⁾;
- (2) Whereas Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC)

No 1501/95; whereas in that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund, as well as to any tenderer whose bid relates to an export tax;

- (3) Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1;
- (4) Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders notified from 30 July to 5 August 1999, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1707/1999, the maximum refund on exportation of common wheat shall be EUR 30,51/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 August 1999.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 August 1999.

For the Commission

Monika WULF-MATHIES

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 201, 31.7.1999, p. 27.

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 1999/76/EC
of 23 July 1999
establishing a Community method of analysis for the determination of lasalocid sodium in
feedingstuffs

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/373/EEC of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feedingstuffs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

- (1) Whereas Directive 70/373/EEC stipulates that official controls of feedingstuffs for the purpose of checking compliance with the requirements arising under the laws, regulations and administrative provisions governing their quality and composition must be carried out using Community methods of sampling and analysis;
- (2) Whereas Council Directive 70/524/EEC of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 866/1999 of 26 April 1999 ⁽³⁾ stipulates that the lasalocid sodium content must be indicated on the labelling where these substances are added to premixtures and feedingstuffs;
- (3) Whereas Community methods of analysis must be established for checking these substances;
- (4) Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Feedingstuffs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Member States shall provide that analyses conducted with a view to official controls of the lasalocid content of feeding-

stuffs and premixtures are carried out using the method set out in Annex hereto.

Article 2

The Member States shall bring into force, not later than 31 January 2000, the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with the provisions of this Directive. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

They shall apply the measures from 1 February 2000.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 170, 3.8.1970, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 270, 14.12.1970, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 20.

ANNEX

DETERMINATION OF LASALOCID SODIUM

Sodium salt of a polyether monocarboxylic acid produced by *Streptomyces lasaliensis*

1. Purpose and scope

The method is for the determination of lasalocid sodium in feedingstuffs and premixtures. The limit of detection is 5 mg/kg, the limit of determination is 30 mg/kg.

2. Principle

Lasalocid sodium is extracted from the sample into acidified methanol and determined by reversed-phase high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) using a spectrofluorimetric detector.

3. Reagents

3.1. Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH_2PO_4)

3.2. Orthophosphoric acid, w = 85 %

3.3. Orthophosphoric acid solution, σ = 20 %

Dilute 23,5 ml of orthophosphoric acid (3.2) to 100 ml with water.

3.4. 6-Methyl-2-heptylamine (1,5-dimethylhexylamine), w = 99 %

3.5. Methanol, HPLC grade

3.6. Hydrochloric acid, ρ_{20} 1,19 g/ml

3.7. Phosphate buffer solution, c = 0,01 mol/l

Dissolve 1,36 g of KH_2PO_4 (3.1) in 500 ml of water (3.11), add 3,5 ml of orthophosphoric acid (3.2) and 10,0 ml of 6-methyl-2-heptylamine (3.4). Adjust the pH to 4,0 with orthophosphoric acid solution (3.3) and dilute to 1 000 ml with water (3.11).

3.8. Acidified methanol

Transfer 5,0 ml of hydrochloric acid (3.6) into a 1 000 ml graduated flask, make up to the mark with methanol (3.5) and mix. This solution must be prepared freshly before use.

3.9. HPLC mobile phase, phosphate buffer-methanol solution 5 + 95 (V + V)

Mix 5 ml of phosphate buffer solution (3.7) with 95 ml of methanol (3.5).

3.10. Lasalocid sodium standard substance with guaranteed purity, $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{53}\text{O}_8\text{Na}$ (sodium salt of a polyether monocarboxylic acid produced by *Streptomyces lasaliensis*), E763

3.10.1. Lasalocid sodium stock standard solution, 500 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

Weigh to the nearest 0,1 mg, 50 mg of lasalocid sodium (3.10) into a 100 ml graduated flask, dissolve in acidified methanol (3.8), make up to the mark with the same solvent and mix. This solution must be freshly prepared before use.

3.10.2. Lasalocid sodium intermediate standard solution, 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

Pipette 10,0 ml of stock standard solution (3.10.1) into a 100 ml graduated flask, make up to the mark with acidified methanol (3.8) and mix. This solution must be prepared freshly before use.

3.10.3. Calibration solutions

Into a series of 50 ml graduated flasks transfer 1,0, 2,0, 4,0, 5,0 and 10,0 ml of the intermediate standard solution (3.10.2). Make up to the mark with acidified methanol (3.8) and mix. These solutions correspond to 1,0, 2,0, 4,0, 5,0 and 10,0 μg of lasalocid sodium per ml respectively. These solutions must be prepared freshly before use.

3.11. Water, HPLC grade

4. Apparatus

- 4.1. Ultrasonic bath (or shaking water-bath) with temperature control
- 4.2. Membrane filters, 0,45 µm
- 4.3. HPLC equipment with injection system, suitable for injecting volumes of 20 µl.
- 4.3.1. Liquid chromatographic column 125 mm × 4 mm, reversed-phase C18, 5 µm packing or equivalent
- 4.3.2. Spectrofluorimeter with variable wavelength adjustment of excitation and emission wavelengths

5. Procedure

5.1. General

5.1.1. Blank feed

For the performance of the recovery test (5.1.2) a blank feed should be analysed to check that neither lasalocid sodium nor interfering substances are present. The blank feed should be similar in type to that of the sample and lasalocid sodium or interfering substances should not be detected.

5.1.2. Recovery test

A recovery test should be carried out by analysing the blank feed which has been fortified by addition of a quantity of lasalocid sodium, similar to that present in the sample. To fortify at a level of 100 mg/kg, transfer 10,0 ml of the stock standard (3.10.1) to a 250 ml conical flask and evaporate the solution to approximately 0,5 ml. Add 50 g of the blank feed, mix thoroughly and leave for 10 minutes mixing again several times before proceeding with the extraction step (5.2).

Alternatively, if a blank feed similar in type to that of the sample is not available (see 5.1.1), a recovery test can be performed by means of the standard addition method. In this case the sample to be analysed is fortified with a quantity of lasalocid sodium similar to that already present in the sample. This sample is analysed together with the unfortified sample and the recovery calculated by subtraction.

5.2. Extraction

5.2.1. Feedingstuffs

Weigh to the nearest 0,01 g, from 5 g to 10 g of the sample into a 250 ml conical flask with stopper. Add 100,0 ml of acidified methanol (3.8) by pipette. Stopper loosely and swirl to disperse. Place the flask in an ultrasonic bath (4.1) at approximately 40° C for 20 minutes, then remove and cool to room temperature. Allow to stand for about 1 hour until the suspended matter has settled, then filter an aliquot portion through a 0,45 µm membrane filter (4.2) into a suitable vessel. Proceed to the HPLC determination (5.3).

5.2.2. Premixtures

Weigh to the nearest 0,001 g about 2 g of the unground premix into a 250 ml graduated flask. Add 100,0 ml of acidified methanol (3.8) and swirl to disperse. Place the flask and contents in an ultrasonic bath (4.1) at approximately 40° C for 20 minutes, then remove and cool to room temperature. Dilute to the mark with acidified methanol (3.8) and mix thoroughly. Allow to stand for one hour until the suspended matter has settled, then filter an aliquot portion through a 0,45 µm membrane filter (4.2). Dilute an appropriate volume of the clear filtrate with acidified methanol (3.8) to produce a final test solution containing about 4 µg/ml of lasalocid sodium. Proceed to the HPLC determination (5.3).

5.3. HPLC Determination

5.3.1. Parameters

The following conditions are offered for guidance; other conditions may be used, provided they yield equivalent results:

Liquid chromatographic column (4.3.1):	125 mm × 4 mm, reversed-phase C18, 5 µm packing or equivalent
Mobile phase (3.9):	Mixture of phosphate buffer solution (3.7) and methanol (3.5), 5 + 95 (V + V)
Flow rate:	1,2 ml/min
Detection wavelengths:	
— Excitation:	310 nm
— Emission:	419 nm
Injection volume:	20 µl

Check the stability of the chromatographic system, injecting the calibration solution (3.10.3) containing 4,0 µg/ml several times, until constant peak heights (or areas) and retention times are achieved.

5.3.2. Calibration graph

Inject each calibration solution (3.10.3) several times and determine the mean peak heights (areas) for each concentration. Plot a calibration graph using the mean peak heights (areas) as the ordinates and the corresponding concentrations in µg/ml as the abscissae.

5.3.3. Sample solution

Inject the sample extracts obtained in 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 several times, using the same volume as taken for the calibration solution and determine the mean peak heights (areas) of the lasalocid sodium peaks.

6. Calculation of results

From the mean peak height (area) produced by injection of the sample solution (5.3.3) determine the concentration of lasalocid sodium (µg/ml) by reference to the calibration graph.

6.1. Feedingstuffs

The lasalocid sodium content, w (mg/kg) in the sample is given by the following formula:

$$w = \frac{\beta \cdot V_1}{m} \text{ [mg/kg]}$$

where:

β = lasalocid sodium concentration of the sample solution (5.2.1) in µg/ml

V_1 = volume of the sample extract according to 5.2.1 in ml (i.e. 100)

m = mass of the test portion in g

6.2. Premixtures

The lasalocid sodium content, w (mg/kg) in the sample is given by the following formula:

$$w = \frac{\beta \cdot V_2 \cdot f}{m} \text{ [mg/kg]}$$

where:

β = lasalocid sodium concentration of the sample solution (5.2.2) in µg/ml

V_2 = volume of the sample extract according to 5.2.2 in ml (i.e. 250)

f = dilution factor according to 5.2.2 m = mass of the test portion in g

7. Validation of the results

7.1. Identity

Methods based on spectrofluorimetry are less subject to interference than those in which UV detection is used. The identity of the analyte can be confirmed by co-chromatography.

7.1.1. Co-chromatography

A sample extract (5.2.1 or 5.2.2) is fortified by the addition of an appropriate amount of a calibration solution (3.10.3). The amount of added lasalocid sodium should be similar to the amount of lasalocid sodium found in the sample extract. Only the height of the lasalocid sodium peak should be enhanced to an extent based on the amount of lasalocid sodium added and the dilution of the extract. The peak width, at half height, must be within $\pm 10\%$ of the original peak width produced by the unfortified sample extract.

7.2. Repeatability

The difference between the results of two parallel determinations carried out on the same sample must not exceed:

- 15 % relative to the higher value for lasalocid sodium contents from 30 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg;
- 15 mg/kg for lasalocid sodium contents from 100 mg/kg to 200 mg/kg;
- 7,5 % relative to the higher value for lasalocid sodium contents of more than 200 mg/kg.

7.3. Recovery

For the fortified (blank) feed sample, the recovery should be at least 80 %. For the fortified premixture samples, the recovery should be at least 90 %.

8. Results of a collaborative study

A collaborative study ⁽¹⁾ was arranged in which 2 premixtures (samples 1 and 2) and 5 feeds (samples 3–7) were analysed by 12 laboratories. Duplicate analyses were performed on each sample. The results are given in the following table:

⁽¹⁾ Analyst, 1995, 120, 2175–2180.

	Sample 1 Chicken premix	Sample 2 Turkey premix	Sample 3 Turkey pellets	Sample 4 Chicken crumbs	Sample 5 Turkey Feed	Sample 6 Poultry Feed A	Sample 7 Poultry Feed B
L	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
N	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Mean (mg/kg)	5 050	16 200	76,5	78,4	92,9	48,3	32,6
s_r (mg/kg)	107	408	1,71	2,23	2,27	1,93	1,75
CV_r (%)	2,12	2,52	2,24	2,84	2,44	4,00	5,37
s_R (mg/kg)	286	883	3,85	7,32	5,29	3,47	3,49
CV_R (%)	5,66	5,45	5,03	9,34	5,69	7,18	10,70
Nominal content (mg/kg)	5 000*	16 000*	80*	105*	120*	50+	35+

L = number of laboratories

n = number of single results

S_r = standard deviation of repeatability

S_R = standard deviation of reproducibility

CV_r = coefficient of variation of repeatability, %

CV_R = coefficient of variation of reproducibility, %

* content declared by manufacturer

+ feed prepared in the laboratory

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 1999/77/EC

of 26 July 1999

adapting to technical progress for the sixth time Annex I to Council Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (asbestos)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 76/769/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 1999/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2a thereof, introduced by Council Directive 89/678/EEC ⁽³⁾;

(1) Whereas the use of asbestos and products containing it can, by the release of fibres, cause asbestosis, mesothelioma and lung cancer; whereas placing on the market and use should therefore be subject to the severest possible restrictions;

(2) Whereas Council Directive 83/478/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ amending for the fifth time Directive 79/769/EEC specified that the crocidolite type of asbestos fibre and products containing it may, with three possible exceptions, no longer be placed on the market and used; whereas this same Directive established obligatory labelling provisions for all products containing asbestos fibres;

(3) Whereas Council Directive 85/610/EEC ⁽⁵⁾ amending for the seventh time Directive 76/769/EEC specified that asbestos fibres can no longer be placed on the market and used in toys, materials and preparations applied by spraying, retail products in powder form, smoking accessories, catalytic heaters, paints and varnishes;

(4) Whereas Commission Directive 91/659/EEC ⁽⁶⁾ adapting to technical progress Annex I of Directive 76/769/EEC specified that all of the amphibole type of asbestos fibres and products containing them may no longer be placed on the market and used; whereas this same directive specified that the chrysotile type of asbestos fibre and products containing it may no longer be placed on the market and used for fourteen categories of products;

(5) Whereas the Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment was consulted on the health effects of chrysotile asbestos and its substitutes;

(6) Whereas there are now available for most remaining uses of chrysotile asbestos substitutes or alternatives which are not classified as carcinogens and are regarded as less dangerous;

(7) Whereas no threshold level of exposure has yet been identified below which chrysotile asbestos does not pose carcinogenic risks;

(8) Whereas exposure of workers and other users of asbestos-containing products is extremely difficult to control and may greatly exceed current limit values on an intermittent basis and this category of exposure now poses the greatest risks for development of asbestos-related diseases;

(9) Whereas an effective way of protecting human health is to prohibit the use of chrysotile asbestos fibres and products containing them;

(10) Whereas the scientific knowledge about asbestos and its substitutes is continually developing; whereas the Commission will therefore ask the Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment to undertake a further review of any relevant new scientific data on the health risks of chrysotile asbestos and its substitutes before 1 January 2003; whereas this review will also consider other aspects of this directive, in particular the derogations, in the light of technical progress; whereas, if necessary, the Commission will propose appropriate changes to legislation;

(11) Whereas a period of adjustment is required to phase out the marketing and use of chrysotile asbestos and products containing it; whereas this period should be longer for diaphragms used for electrolysis in existing installations because the risk of exposure is extremely low and more time is necessary to develop suitable alternatives in this safety-critical application; whereas the Commission will review this derogation before 1 January 2008 after having consulted the Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 87.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 398, 30.12.1989, p. 24.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 263, 24.9.1983, p. 33.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 375, 31.12.1985, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 363, 31.12.1991, p. 36.

- (12) Whereas this Directive is without prejudice to Council Directive 89/391/EEC laying down minimum requirements for the protection of workers ⁽¹⁾, and its individual Directives within the meaning of Article 16(1) of that Directive, in particular Council Directive 90/394/EEC of 28 June 1990 on protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens at work ⁽²⁾ as amended by Directive 97/42/EC ⁽³⁾;
- (13) Whereas Council Directive 91/382/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ amending Directive 83/477/EEC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work provides a framework of control where activities may expose workers to asbestos dust;
- (14) Whereas this Directive is without prejudice to Commission Directive 98/12/EC ⁽⁵⁾ adapting to technical progress Council Directive 71/320/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the braking devices of certain categories of motor vehicles and their trailers;
- (15) Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the adaptation to technical progress of the Directives on the removal of technical barriers to trade in dangerous substances and preparations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex I to Directive 76/769/EEC is hereby adapted to technical progress as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1st January 2005 at the latest and shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these provisions, these shall contain a reference to the Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

3. From entry into force of this Directive to 1st January 2005, Member States may not allow the introduction of new applications for chrysotile asbestos on their territories.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

Karel VAN MIERT

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 196, 26.7.1990, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 8.7.1997, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 206, 29.7.1991, p. 16.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 81, 18.3.1998, p. 1.

ANNEX

In Annex I to Directive 76/769/EEC point 6 shall be replaced by the following point:

‘6.1. Crocidolite, CAS No 12001-28-4 Amosite, CAS No 12172-73-5 Anthophyllite asbestos, CAS No 77536-67-5 Actinolite asbestos, CAS No 77536-66-4 Tremolite asbestos, CAS No 77536-68-6 6.2. Chrysotile, CAS No 12001-29-5	6.1. The placing on the market and use of these fibres and of products containing these fibres added intentionally shall be prohibited 6.2. The placing on the market and use of this fibre and of products containing this fibre added intentionally shall be prohibited. However, Member States may except diaphragms for existing electrolysis installations until they reach the end of their service life, or until suitable asbestos-free substitutes become available, whichever is the sooner. The Commission will review this derogation before 1 January 2008. The use of products containing asbestos fibres referred to in points 6.1 and 6.2 which were already installed and/or in service before the implementation date of Directive 1999/77/EC by the Member State concerned shall continue to be authorised until they are disposed of or reach the end of their service life. However, Member States may, for reasons of protection of health, prohibit within their territory the use of such products before they are disposed of or reach the end of their service life. Without prejudice to the application of other Community provisions on the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations, the placing on the market and use of these fibres and of products containing these fibres, as authorised according to the preceeding derogations, may be permitted only if the products bear a label in accordance with the provisions of Annex II to Directive 76/769/EEC.’
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II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1999

amending Decision 98/371/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries to take into account some aspects in relation with Bulgaria and the Czech Republic

(notified under document number C(1999) 2436)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/538/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat and meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 14, 15 and 16 thereof,

(1) Whereas, as a consequence of the action taken by the Bulgarian authorities to prohibit the spread of foot and mouth disease, that country was regionalised by Commission Decision 96/730/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 98/373/EC ⁽⁴⁾;

(2) Whereas the import of bovine, ovine and caprine fresh meat is banned from six provinces of Bulgaria by Commission Decision 98/371/EC of 29 May 1998 concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Decision 98/546/EC ⁽⁶⁾;

(3) Whereas giving consideration to the improvement of the animal health situation in Bulgaria and that the country has been free from foot and mouth disease for the last two years;

(4) Whereas, following a recent Commission veterinary mission, it appears that the Bulgarian veterinary services control satisfactorily the whole country and thereof it is possible to lift the ban of fresh meat of bovine, ovine and caprine species for the remaining six provinces of Bulgaria;

(5) Whereas it is considered necessary to keep the restriction for the Bulgarian territory comprising the 20-km-wide corridor along the border with Turkey;

(6) Whereas classical swine fever still persists in the feral pig population in some areas of the Czech Republic;

(7) Whereas this situation is liable to endanger the herds of the European Community;

(8) Whereas it is necessary to amend the conditions for imports of fresh meat of swine from the Czech Republic to take into account the evolution of the epidemiological situation in relation to classical swine fever;

(9) Whereas this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 331, 20.12.1996, p. 49.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 62.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 260, 23.9.1998, p. 15.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 98/371/EC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by Annex I to the present Decision.
2. Annex II is replaced by Annex II to the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Description of territories of certain European countries established for animal health certification purposes

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Albania	AL	1/98	Whole country
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BA	1/98	Whole country
Bulgaria	BG	1/98	Whole country
	BG-1	1/98	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Solistra, Choumen, Targovichte, Razgrad, Rousse, V. Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdiv, Smolian, Pasardijk, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin
	BG-2	1/99	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali, except the 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
	BG-3	1/99	The 20-km-wide corridor to the border Turkey
Belarus	BY	1/98	Whole country
Czech Republic	CZ	1/98	Whole country
	CZ-1	1/99	Whole country excluding the provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlin and Vsetín
	CZ-2	1/99	The provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlin and Vsetín
Estonia	EE	1/98	Whole country
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	1/98	Whole country
	YU-1	1/98	The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia excluding the region of Kosovo and Metohija
	YU-2	1/98	The region of Kosovo and Metohija
Croatia	HR	1/98	Whole country
Hungary	HU	1/98	Whole country
Lithuania	LT	1/98	Whole country
Latvia	LV	1/98	Whole country
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	1/98	Whole country
Poland	PL	1/98	Whole country
Romania	RO	1/98	Whole country
Russia	RU	1/98	Whole country
Slovenia	SI	1/98	Whole country
Slovak Republic	SK	1/98	Whole country

ANNEX II

MODELS OF ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES TO BE REQUESTED

FRESH MEAT

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human consumption								Fresh meat intended for purposes other than human consumption
		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/caprine		Solipeds		
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	
Albania ⁽³⁾	AL	—		—		—		—	—	—
Bosnia-Herzegovina ⁽³⁾	BA	—		—		—		—	—	—
Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		D	—	E
	BG-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	BG-2	A		—		C		D	—	E
	BG-3	—		—		—		D	—	E
Belarus	BY	—		—		—		—	—	E
Czech Republic	CZ	A		B		C		D	—	E
	CZ-1	A		B		C		D	—	E
	CZ-2	A		B		C		D	—	E
Estonia ⁽³⁾	EE	—		—		—		—	—	E
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	—		—		—		D	—	E
	YU-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	YU-2	—		—		—		D	—	E
Croatia	HR	A		—		C		D	—	E
Hungary	HU	A		B		C		D	—	E
Lithuania ⁽³⁾	LT	—		—		—		—	—	E
Latvia ⁽³⁾	LV	—		—		—		—	—	E
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	—		—		—		D	—	E

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human consumption								Fresh meat intended for purposes other than human consumption
		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/caprine		Solipeds		
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	
Poland	PL	A		—		C		D	—	E
Romania	RO	A		—		C		D	—	E
Russia ⁽³⁾	RU	—		—		—		—	—	E
Slovenia	SI	A		—		C		D	—	E
Slovak Republic	SK	A		—		C		D	—	E

⁽¹⁾ MC: Model of certificate to be fulfilled. The letters (A, B, C, D, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III of Decision 98/371/EC, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision. A dash '—' indicates that imports are not authorised.

⁽²⁾ SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the supplementary guarantees to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in section V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

⁽³⁾ The imports of fresh meat for human consumption are not allowed in so far as a programme of control of residues in the exporting third country has not been approved by the European Commission.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1999

amending Decision 98/372/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of live animals of bovine and swine species from certain European countries to take into account some aspects in relation with Bulgaria and the Czech Republic

*(notified under document number C(1999) 2437)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(1999/539/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 6 and 7 thereof,

- (1) Whereas, as a consequence of the action taken by the Bulgarian authorities to prohibit the spread of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease, that country was regionalised by Commission Decision 96/730/EC of 17 December 1996 concerning certain protective measures with regard to import of certain animals and their products from Bulgaria and repealing Decision 96/643/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 98/373/EC ⁽⁴⁾;
- (2) Whereas the import of bovine animals is banned from six provinces of Bulgaria by Commission Decision 98/372/EC of 29 May 1998 concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of live animals of bovine and porcine species from certain European countries ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Decision 98/505/EC ⁽⁶⁾;
- (3) Whereas giving consideration to the improvement of the animal health situation in Bulgaria and that the country has been free from foot and mouth disease for the last two years;
- (4) Whereas, following a recent Commission veterinary mission, it appears that the Bulgarian veterinary services control satisfactorily the whole country and therefore it is possible to lift the ban for remaining six provinces of Bulgaria;
- (5) Whereas it is considered necessary to keep the restriction for the Bulgarian territory comprising the 20-km-wide corridor along the border with Turkey;

- (6) Whereas it is still considered necessary to submit the importation of bovine animals to a pre-import quarantine, as a supplementary guarantee, as fixed in Annex IV to Decision 98/372/EC;
- (7) Whereas classical swine fever still persists in the feral pig population in some areas of the Czech Republic;
- (8) Whereas this situation is liable to endanger the herds of the European Community;
- (9) Whereas it is therefore necessary to amend the conditions for imports of live animals of porcine species from some areas of the Czech Republic to take into account the evolution of the epidemiological situation in relation to classical swine fever;
- (10) Whereas this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 98/372/EC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by Annex I to the present Decision.
2. Annex II is replaced by Annex II to the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.⁽³⁾ OJ L 331, 20.12.1996, p. 49.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 62.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 34.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 50.

ANNEX I

Description of territories of certain European countries established for animal health certification purposes

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Albania	AL	1/98	Whole country
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BA	1/98	Whole country
Bulgaria	BG	1/98	Whole country
	BG-1	1/98	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Silistra, Choumen, Targovichte, Razgrad, Rousse, V. Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdiv, Smolian, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin
	BG-2	1/99	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali, except the 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
	BG-3	1/99	The 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
Belarus	BY	1/98	Whole country
Czech Republic	CZ	1/98	Whole country
	CZ-1	1/99	Whole country excluding the provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlin and Vsetín
	CZ-2	1/99	The provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlin and Vsetín
Estonia	EE	1/98	Whole country
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	1/98	Whole country
	YU-1	1/98	The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, excluding the region of Kosovo and Metohija
	YU-2	1/98	The region of Kosovo and Metohija
Croatia	HR	1/98	Whole country
Hungary	HU	1/98	Whole country
Lithuania	LT	1/98	Whole country
Latvia	LV	1/98	Whole country
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	1/98	Whole country
Poland	PL	1/98	Whole country
Romania	RO	1/98	Whole country
Russia	RU	1/98	Whole country
Slovenia	SI	1/98	Whole country
Slovak Republic	SK	1/98	Whole country

ANNEX II

ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION

LIVE ANIMALS

Country	Code	Bovine				Swine			
		Breeding/production		Slaughter		Breeding/production		Slaughter	
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾
Albania ⁽³⁾	AL	—		—		—		—	
Bosnia-Herzegovina ⁽³⁾	BA	—		—		—		—	
Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		—	
	BG-1	A		B		—		—	
	BG-2	A	c	B	c	—		—	
	BG-3	—		—		—		—	
Belarus ⁽³⁾	BY	—		—		—		—	
Czech Republic	CZ	A		B		—		—	
	CZ-1	A		B		C		D	
	CZ-2	A		B		—		—	
Estonia ⁽³⁾	EE	A ⁽³⁾		B ⁽³⁾		—		—	
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	—		—		—		—	
	YU-1	—		—		—		—	
	YU-2	—		—		—		—	
Croatia	HR	A	d	B		—		—	
Hungary	HU	A		B		C		D	
Lithuania ⁽³⁾	LT	A ⁽³⁾		B ⁽³⁾		—		—	
Latvia ⁽³⁾	LV	A ⁽³⁾		B ⁽³⁾		—		—	
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	—		—		—		—	

Country	Code	Bovine				Swine			
		Breeding/production		Slaughter		Breeding/production		Slaughter	
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾
Poland	PL	A		B		—		—	
Romania	RO	A		B		—		—	
Russia ⁽³⁾	RU	—		—		—		—	
Slovenia	SI	A		B		—		—	
Slovak Republic	SK	A		B		—		—	

⁽¹⁾ MC: model of certificate to be fulfilled. The letters (A, B, C, D, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III, to be applied for each animal and origin in accordance with Article 2 of Decision 98/372/EC. A dash '—' indicates that imports are not authorised.

⁽²⁾ SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the supplementary guarantees to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in section VI of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

⁽³⁾ The imports of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species are not allowed in so far as a programme of control of residues in the exporting third country has not been approved by the European Commission.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 26 July 1999
repealing Decision 97/408/EC on protective measures in relation to classical swine fever in the
Czech Republic

(notified under document number C(1999) 2442)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/540/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 18(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC, and in particular Article 19(1) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the presence of classical swine fever has been confirmed in domestic pig holdings in some areas of the Czech Republic in 1997;
- (2) Whereas the Commission adopted as a safeguard clause Decision 97/408/EC of 25 June 1997 on protective measures in relation to classical swine fever in the Czech Republic ⁽⁴⁾, that was amended by Decision 98/507/EEC ⁽⁵⁾ to take into account the evolution of the epidemiological situation;
- (3) Whereas the conditions for imports of fresh meat and live animals of porcine species from the Czech Republic are laid down in Commission Decisions 98/371/EC ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/538/EC ⁽⁷⁾ and 98/

372/EC ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/539/EC ⁽⁹⁾; whereas these Decisions take into account the situation of classical swine fever in the feral pig population in some areas of the Czech Republic;

- (4) Whereas due to the favourable evolution of the epidemiological situation of classical swine fever in domestic pig holdings Decision 97/408/EC must be repealed;
- (5) Whereas the measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 97/408/EC is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 373, 31.12.1990, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 28.6.1997, p. 58.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 59.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁷⁾ See page 21 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 34.

⁽⁹⁾ See page 26 of this Official Journal.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 26 July 1999
concerning the importation of sheep and goats from Bulgaria and amending Commission Decision
97/232/EC

(notified under document number C(1999) 2433)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/541/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾ and in particular Articles 3, 6 and 7 thereof,

(1) Whereas Council Directive 91/68/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession for Austria, Finland and Sweden, lays down animal health conditions governing intra-community trade in ovine and caprine animals;

(2) Whereas Commission Decision 93/198/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision 97/231/EC ⁽⁵⁾, lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of domestic ovine and caprine animals;

(3) Whereas Commission Decision 97/232/EC ⁽⁶⁾ draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of sheep and goats;

(4) Whereas these lists can be amended at any time to take into account new information or new situations;

(5) Whereas, following a recent Commission veterinary mission, it appears that the Bulgarian veterinary services control satisfactorily the whole country;

(6) Whereas no cases of sheep pox have been recorded in Bulgaria since September 1996;

(7) Whereas the country has been free from foot and mouth disease for the last two years;

(8) Whereas it is possible to authorise the imports of domestic ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter without risk of spreading these diseases;

(9) Whereas it is considered necessary to keep the restriction at the import of live ovine and caprine animals for the twenty-kilometre-wide corridor along the border with Turkey;

(10) Whereas Decision 97/232/EC should be amended accordingly;

(11) Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States shall authorise the imports from Bulgaria of domestic ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter.

Article 2

Annex to Decision 97/232/EC is amended as follows:

In part 2 the words 'subject to temporary suspension of approval due to animal health situation' are replaced by the words 'excluding the twenty-kilometre-wide zone of the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali along the border with Turkey.

The animals described in the certificate required by Commission Decision 93/198/EEC must be subjected to:

— a period of 14 days pre-export quarantine in premises officially approved by the central competent authorities of the exporting country and which are under control of an official veterinarian and supervised in such a way that direct or indirect contact between the animals to be exported and other cloven hoofed animals is avoided and

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 34.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 93, 8.4.1997, p. 22.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 93, 8.4.1997, p. 43.

- be subjected to a serological test for foot and mouth disease antibodies with negative results, to be carried out not before eight days after entry into isolation.'

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION
of 28 July 1999
concerning protective measures with regard to imports of certain animals from Bulgaria due to an outbreak of bluetongue

(notified under document number C(1999) 2492)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/542/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991, laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 18 thereof,

- (1) Whereas outbreaks of bluetongue have been confirmed, on July 1999, in the region of Bourgas in Bulgaria;
- (2) Whereas the situation is capable of constituting a grave danger to animal health within the Community;
- (3) Whereas it is necessary therefore to prohibit the importation of animals of bovine, ovine, and caprine species originating in Bulgaria;
- (4) Whereas some measures must be taken in order to ensure that live animals of bovine, ovine and caprine species do not pass through the part of Bulgaria comprising the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali;
- (5) Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- (a) Member States shall not authorise the importation of live animals of bovine, ovine and caprine species originating in Bulgaria.
- (b) Member States receiving live animals of bovine, ovine and caprine species which have been transported via the territory of Bulgaria, shall ensure that the animals have not passed through the part of Bulgaria comprising the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1625/1999 of 23 July 1999 determining the extent to which the applications for import licences submitted in July 1999 for certain dairy products under certain tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 1374/98 can be accepted**

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 192 of 24 July 1999)

On page 41, Article 1(2):

for: '... 1 July to 30 September 1999...',

read: '... 1 July to 31 December 1999...'.

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1650/1999 of 27 July 1999 fixing the export refunds on milk and milk products

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 195 of 28 July 1999)

On page 24, in the Annex, footnote (*), third indent:

for: '... Articles 34(1)(a)...',

read: '... Articles 36(1)(a)...';

and,

for: '... OJ L 107...',

read: '... OJ L 102...'.

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1685/1999 of 29 July 1999 fixing the export refunds on milk and milk products

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 199 of 30 July 1999)

On page 48, in the Annex, footnote (*), third indent:

for: '... Articles 34(1)(a)...',

read: '... Articles 36(1)(a)...';

and,

for: '... OJ L 107...',

read: '... OJ L 102...'.
